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Wabash to host First Friday on June 5

Wabash Marketplace will be hosting a hybrid First Friday on June 5. The event will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. on Facebook and from 5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Wabash. Miami Street will be open to traffic and parking. Face coverings and social distancing are recommended for in-person guests. The community is encouraged to visit the Facebook Event Page titled, "First Friday in Wabash 6/5/20" by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/events/246572819761023/>. The event will also be linked from the Facebook Page "First Friday-Wabash, Indiana." Participating businesses will share their promotions and store hours. For more information, visit www.wabashmarketplace.org or call 260-563-0975.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for June 6

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6 at Scotty's Bar, 780 Manchester Ave.

Clark Gallery to feature 2020 themed art exhibit

The Clark Gallery in the Honeywell Center will host its 2020 Themed Art Competition titled "Dreams" from Monday, June 15 to Sunday, Aug. 16. To register, visit HoneywellCenter.org/dreams. Judging will take place on Wednesday, June 10. Artists selected as winners and accepted entries in the competition will be notified on Thursday, June 11. Unaccepted entries can be

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Initial Wabash County primary election results are in



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In total, 2,115 voters representing 26 precincts cast their ballots at two voter center locations using 19 voting machines.

Locally, 23.56 percent of registered voters cast ballots

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

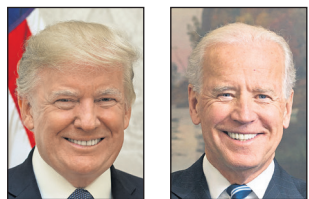
On Tuesday evening, the office of Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper released the initial primary election results.

In total, 2,115 voters representing 26 precincts cast their ballots at two voter center locations using 19 voting machines. There were 1,956 absentee ballots and 776 walk-in absentee ballots.

In all, 4,847 out of 20,574 registered voters cast their ballots, making voter turnout 23.56 percent.

The following are the results in each race with all votes and percentages reflecting Wabash County figures only:

President



TRUMP

BIDEN

For the Republicans, Donald J. Trump defeated Bill Weld with 3,248 votes, 93.07 percent, to 242 votes, 6.93 percent, respectively.

For the Democrats, Joseph R. Biden (966 votes, 79.64 percent) defeated Bernie Sanders (154 votes, 12.7 percent), Elizabeth War-

ren (34 votes, 2.8 percent), Pete Buttigieg (25 votes, 2.06 percent), Michael R. Bloomberg (15 votes, 1.24 percent), Andrew Yang (7 votes, 0.58 percent), Amy Klobuchar (6 votes, 0.49 percent), Tulsi Gabbard (4 votes, 0.33 votes) and Tom Steyer (2 votes, 0.16 percent).

Governor



HOLCOMB

MYERS

In the general election, incumbent Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb will face off against Democratic challenger Woodrow (Woody) Myers.

Holcomb received 100 percent with 3,339 votes. Myers received 100 percent with 962 votes.

U.S. Representative District 2



WALORSKI

HACKETT

Incumbent Republican Rep. Jackie Walorski defeated Christopher Glenn Davis with 2,518 votes, 73.24 percent, to 920 votes,



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26.76 percent, respectively.

In the general election, Walorski will face Patricia (Pat) Hackett, who defeated Ellen Marks with 700 votes, 64.28 percent, to 389 votes, 35.72 percent, respectively.

State Representative District 18



SNOW

HARRIS

Earlier this year, Rep. David Wolkins, R-Warsaw, announced he would retire and not seek re-election.

Among Wabash County Republican voters, Russell (Russ) Reahard defeated Craig Snow with 2,033 votes, 59.29 percent, to 1,396, 40.71 percent.

However, statewide, Snow declared victory late Tuesday evening.

"I want to thank everyone

for their encouragement and support during the campaign. It is very much appreciated and I am humbled by it. I look forward to November for the opportunity to serve District 18 at the Statehouse. Thank you for your confidence in me," stated Snow on his campaign's Facebook page at 10:35 p.m.

Snow's opponent in the November general election will be Democrat Chad Harris, who received 100 percent with 988 votes.

Wabash County Coroner

Republican challenger Ken Brown defeated incumbent Suzie Lewis with 1,942 votes, 56.47 percent, to 1,497 votes, 43.53 percent, respectively. The Wabash County Democratic Party did not run a candidate.

County Council At Large

Totals for the Republican Party were Matt Dillon (2,745 votes, 34.24 percent),

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Wabash County awarded emergency food, shelter funds

Public, private voluntary agencies have until Friday, June 12 to apply

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Wabash County has been chosen to receive \$7,529 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs, Steve Johnson, local board chair of the Wabash County United Fund.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army; and, United Way Worldwide.

In response to a recent Plain Dealer request, Johnson stated the funds are made available in phases.

"This is Phase 37 and is just now being announced, so no organizations have been selected yet to receive any money for this phase," stated Johnson. "The local board advertises that money is available, nonprofits submit requests for food or shelter projects, the local board reviews the requests and decides on how to award the funds. In addition to Phase 37 there is additional money that was included with the CARES Act that was earmarked for this. So we'll have to go through the same process for the CARES Act funds. We just learned this afternoon that Wabash County will receive at least \$14,112 for the CARES Act phase. A third phase, Phase 38, is yet to be announced that is anticipated yet this summer."

The Phase 37 Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of

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ISDH adds another local COVID-19 case; total now 80

Number of Wabash County tests now above 1,000

STAFF REPORT

On Wednesday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) added another positive COVID-19 case to Wabash County's tally, bringing the local total to 80.

The state still reports two local deaths, and now reports 1,020 tests.

Statewide on Wednesday, the ISDH announced that 511 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 35,712 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's total.

Intensive care unit and ventilator capacity remain steady. As of Wednesday, 41 percent of ICU beds and more than 83 percent of ventilators are available.

A total of 2,032 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 10 over the previous day.

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'Painting through Miami Eyes' events set for Mississinewa, Salamonie

Workshops scheduled for Saturday, June 13 and Saturday, June 20, respectively

STAFF REPORT

Join Catherine Nagy Mowry, for a painting workshop from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 13 at Mississinewa Lake, and Saturday, June 20 at Salamonie Lake, according to Teresa Rody, interpretive naturalist.

"Catherine Nagy Mowry is a Miami artist and tradition bearer. Participants will discover the park through Miami eyes, focusing on Native American symbolism,

culture, and history. We will look at nature as our relative, walk with respect upon Mother Earth, and find a spot that holds a personal connection. After taking pictures and notes, the student will create their impression of their discovery," stated Rody. "All supplies will be provided by the artist. Participants should plan to bring electronic device to take photos." Rody stated class size is

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Fireworks permits steady despite local cancellations

Use caution, think of others when lighting displays

STAFF REPORT

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security has issued more than 150 permits for public displays of fireworks, although many communities across Indiana have canceled fireworks events to avoid large gatherings, according to a press release.

IDHS is the authorizing agency for a fireworks display permit, but the final decision to host or cancel

a public display is made at the local level, after consultation with local leaders and fire officials. The COVID-19 response and necessary crowd limits have led to the cancellation of some Hoosier displays already.

"With still more than a month until Independence Day, some communities may be acting cautiously before committing to a holiday fireworks event. Gov. Eric Holcomb's Back on Track plan established July 4 as a tentative date to lift crowd restrictions if the health data related to

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U.S. legislatures slow to pass laws limiting use of force

By **JULIE CARR SMYTH**
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A wave of police killings of young black men in 2014 prompted 24 states to quickly pass some type of law enforcement reform, but many declined to address the most glaring issue: police use of force. Six years later, only about a third of states have passed laws on the question.

The issue is at the heart of nationwide protests set off by the May 25 death of George Floyd, a black man who died after a white police officer in Minneapolis pressed a knee into Floyd’s neck for several minutes while he pleaded for air.

Now, some lawmakers and governors are hoping to harness the renewed wave of anger to push through changes on the use of force they couldn’t manage after 2014, a year that included the deaths at the hands of police of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, Eric Garner in New York and 12-year-old Tamir Rice in Cleveland.

“We’re absolutely at a point in time where we have to do more,” said Maryland state Del. Vanessa Atterbeary, a Democrat who will chair a working group announced this week that will take up use-of-force standards for that state.

Pushback from politically influential law enforcement unions prompted some states’ use-of-force proposals to stall, while others have opted for voluntary programs to change policing practices. In some states, lawmakers have even broadened the powers of police, such as increasing penalties for those who attack officers or, as in Tennessee and Utah, limiting the power of independent review boards that investigate police conduct.

As of August 2018, at least 16 states had passed use-of-force laws, according to the nonpartisan National Conference of State Legislatures. A handful of those directly restricted what police could do. In Utah and Missouri, for example, force used by officers must be “reasonable and necessary.” Colorado has banned chokeholds, the maneuver used on Garner.

Other laws created task forces to set new standards, boosted training or improved tracking of officers’ use of guns and deadly force.

In 2014, Republican-led Wisconsin became the first state in the country to enact a law requiring outside investigations when people die in police custody – a law supported by the state’s largest police union.

This week, Democratic Gov. Tony Evers asked the

Legislature, still controlled by Republicans, to go further and pass a bill that would require law enforcement agencies to minimize the use of force and prioritize preserving life. In New Jersey, Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy and the attorney general said they will update state guidelines governing police use of force for the first time in two decades.

Democratic lawmakers in at least two states – Arizona and Oregon – said this week they want to reform their states’ use-of-force policies in upcoming legislative sessions. A legislative caucus in Oregon representing people of color has asked for a bipartisan effort to recommend changes that can be included in legislation next year.

“The issue is simply two words: accountability and trust,” state Sen. Lew Frederick, a Democrat from Portland, said in the group’s statement. “Both are broken. It will take a major effort to establish them in our society.”

In Colorado, Democratic lawmakers said they plan to introduce a bill that would allow citizens to file lawsuits against police officers in alleged misconduct cases. Colorado law currently grants them immunity.

Despite the sense in many places that this moment could produce real change, challenges remain.

Police unions have often resisted attempts to restrict officers’ use of deadly force and are politically potent in most states.

Paige Fernandez, a policing policy adviser at the ACLU, said many unions “have convinced themselves that police are unable to protect themselves if they value the bodily integrity and personal lives of the the people they are supposed to be serving.”

The National Fraternal Order of Police issued a statement acknowledging there is “no doubt” Floyd’s death has diminished public trust in police.

“Police officers need to treat all of our citizens with respect and understanding and should be held to the very highest standards for their conduct,” the organization said.

Since 2016, groups representing police nationwide have contributed \$1.3 million directly to candidates for governor and attorney general and given at least another \$1 million for independent expenditures that advocate for or against candidates for all state-level offices, according to an Associated Press analysis of data collected by the National Institute on Money in Politics.

Much of that money has

been spent in California, where unions initially defeated reforms before the state enacted a pair of laws last year. One allows police to use lethal force only when necessary to defend against an imminent threat of death or serious injury to officers or bystanders. The second requires additional officer training.

The California debate was driven in part by the fatal 2018 shooting by Sacramento police of 22-year-old Stephon Clark, who was clutching a cellphone that officers said they mistook for a weapon.

The shooting in Ohio of Rice, whose toy Airsoft gun officers said they mistook for a real one, contributed to then-Gov. John Kasich creating the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board.

In 2015, the board adopted statewide standards limiting use of deadly force by police officers to defending themselves or others from serious injury or death. The state’s Republican-led Legislature opted against turning those recommendations into law, leaving police agencies to comply voluntarily.

Karhlton Moore, who leads the Ohio Department of Public Safety division that oversees the standards, said roughly three-quarters of Ohio residents now live in areas covered by police agencies that are either certified or in the process of being certified as upholding the standards.

But Ohio House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes, a Democrat who is black, criticized Republican lawmakers this week for failing to enact laws recommended by Kasich’s task force, saying their actions “show us time and time again that black lives do not matter.”

Ohio Democrats want immediate reforms addressing racism and inequality. In Pennsylvania, a package of bills seeking to limit the justifications for the use of deadly force by police has stalled in the state’s Republican-controlled Legislature.

But changing the law isn’t enough, said Democratic Rep. Summer Lee, a chief sponsor of the bills who represents East Pittsburgh. Police around the nation have condemned the way Floyd was restrained.

Inherent racism must be dealt with as well, said Lee, who is black.

She said some lawmakers were paying lip service to the necessity of fighting racism – but weren’t taking action.

“We have bills – we have tangible things the Legislature can do today,” Lee said.

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Philip Dale (2,651 votes, 33.07 percent) and Lorissa Sweet (2,621 votes, 32.69 percent). The Wabash County Democratic Party did not run a candidate.

Democratic Party State Convention Delegate

Totals were Diana Bucher (783 votes, 15.51 percent), Jane Long (768 votes, 15.22 percent), Nancy Whitmer (754 votes, 14.94 percent), Deborah K. Manges (716 votes, 14.19 percent), Me-

linda Lantz (698 votes, 13.83 percent), Carol Cly (13.41 percent) and Donald Rose (651 votes, 12.9 percent).

Uncontested seats

The Wabash County Democratic Party also did not run candidates for Judge of Superior Court, County Auditor, County Treasurer, County Surveyor or County Commissioner Districts 1 or 3.

But, for the Republican Party:

■ Judge of the Superior Court: Benjamin D. Vanderpool received 100 percent with 3,290 votes.

■ County Auditor: Marcie J. Shepherd received 100 percent with 3,153 votes.

■ County Treasurer: Luann Layman received 100 percent with 3,145 votes.

■ County Surveyor: Cheri Slee received 100 percent with 3,188 votes.

■ County Commissioner District 1: Brian K. Haupt received 100 percent with 3,131 votes.

■ County Commissioner District 3: Barry J. Eppley received 100 percent with 3,100 votes.

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“IDHS and the Indiana State Fire Marshal also focus heavily on fireworks safety and education this time of year,” stated the release.

Always remember to:

■ Use extreme caution when lighting fireworks in the wind. Keep spectators where the wind is blowing smoke and debris away from them.

■ Never smoke or consume alcohol when lighting fireworks.

■ Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from the reach of children.

■ Steer clear of others setting off fireworks. They can backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction.

■ Do not attempt to make

or alter any fireworks or firework devices.

■ Always have a fire extinguisher or water supply, such as a hose or bucket of water, nearby.






■ Only light one firework at a time and never attempt to re-light or fix a “dud” firework.

■ Be considerate of individuals with PTSD and other types of medical conditions. The noise can cause severe stress and reaction in neighbors.

■ Think about pets. Animals have sensitive ears and can be very frightened or stressed by fireworks sounds.





For more information, visit getprepared.in.gov.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Thursday Few Showers 86 / 69	 Friday Few Showers 84 / 71	 Saturday Chance Showers 82 / 62	 Sunday Partly Cloudy 81 / 65	 Monday Mostly Sunny 83 / 68
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:15 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:17 a.m.

 Full 6/5	 Last 6/13	 New 6/21	 First 6/28
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers, high temperature of 86°, humidity of 54%. South southwest wind 1 to 5 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 69°. Light winds.

Undeclared workers cannot file for unemployment

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have a wonderful nanny who has been taking care of my daughter for three years. When the quarantine began, we told her not to come to work because that was the rule. We continued to pay her. Since that time, I have lost my job. No one knows when these restrictions will end, and my husband and I don’t think we can continue to pay her salary. We love her and know she counts on this money, but we are quickly depleting our savings. We didn’t declare her salary on our taxes, so I don’t think she is eligible for unemployment insurance. How should we handle this? – Losing the Nanny

Harriette Cole Sense & Sensitivity



DEAR LOSING THE NANNY: Sadly, there are thousands of families in your position. Paying workers under the table, so to speak, has always been dangerous – and illegal – even though it is a common practice. The reality is that if you did not declare your nanny as an employee and pay the proper payroll taxes for her, she cannot receive unemployment insurance now. If you can no longer afford to pay your nanny, talk to her and explain your circumstances. Let her know that because of your life changes, you cannot continue to pay her.

For those who did declare their nannies, housekeepers or other workers, there are provisions in the Emergency Paid Leave Act of 2020 that require employers to pay any workers diagnosed with COVID-19 with two weeks’ pay if they are quarantined by doctor’s orders, with the promise of being reimbursed by the government. To learn more, go to bit.ly/NANNYCARE.

DEAR HARRIETTE: The city put up scaffolding in front of my building several months ago. No work is going on now, but what has happened is that homeless people are gathering under there. I’ve seen drug deals go down and bags snatched. I don’t live in a so-called bad neighborhood. It’s a

READERS' CHOICE REPORTS

TUESDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5
08-25-27-37-41
Estimated jackpot: \$80,000
Cash4Life
06-11-12-29-38, Cash Ball: 3
Daily Three-Midday
1-8-7, SB: 6
Daily Three-Evening
0-5-2, SB: 8
Daily Four-Midday
8-7-3-4, SB: 6
Daily Four-Evening
9-8-6-1, SB: 8
Mega Millions
09-20-23-26-29, Mega Ball: 8, Megaplier: 3
Estimated jackpot: \$356 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$135 million

WEDNESDAY'S METALS

Aluminum68
Copper	2.48
Lead75
Zinc92
Gold	1,699.86
Silver	17.72
Platinum	836.18

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices
Wednesday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$3.28. Soybeans: \$8.48.

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Bric Edward ‘Ed’ Dome

Dec. 18, 1945 – June 2, 2020

Bric Edward “Ed” Dome, 74, of Chesterfield, Indiana, died at 2:30 pm, Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at the Fresenius Kidney Care Center in Anderson, Indiana. He was born December 18, 1945 in Warsaw, Indiana to David L. and Marion (Stouder) Dome.

Ed first married Linda Graves, he then married Earlane Jones; they both preceded him in death. He worked as the Assistant Manager at Speedway Convenience Store 14 years, and also was a truck driver. He enjoyed mowing yards and taking care of his nursery in Mississippi, and driving his truck. He collected sports cards, coins, and enjoyed watching western movies.

He is survived by four children, Lavada (Woody) Jarrett of Loganville, Georgia, Gregory (Rebecca) Dome of Pierceton, Indiana, Cather-



ine (Mark) Davenport of Roann, Indiana, and Elissa (William) Gore of Liberty Mills, Indiana, 13 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, his father David Dome of North Carolina, his longtime companion, Carol Downey of Chesterfield, and two step-children, Theresa Buchannon and Tom Jones, both of Mississippi. He was preceded in death by his mother, and a daughter.

Graveside services and burial will be 10:30 am Monday, June 8, 2020 at Roann Community Cemetery, Roann, with Solomon David officiating. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service.

Preferred memorial is St. Judes Children’s Hospital.

The memorial guest book for Ed may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Virginia Lee Malott

May 28, 1935 – June 1, 2020

Virginia Lee Malott, 85, Denver, Indiana, passed away at 8:26 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020, at her residence.

Born May 28, 1935, in Peru, Indiana, she was the daughter of Louis Lynard Godfroy and the former Marjorie Foy. She was married to Sammy William Malott on August 2, 1952, and he preceded her in death on

December 17, 1988.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2020, at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, Indiana, with her son, Steve Malott officiating.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com.

FUNDS

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food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local board made up of local representatives, including Chrissy Baggett, Dale Bliss, Mary Ellen Clark, Ramona Copeland, Steve Johnson, Julie McCann, Keith Walters, Di Wion and Kayleena Wright, will determine how the funds awarded to Wabash County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area.

The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government, be eligible to receive federal funds, have an accounting system, practice nondiscrimination, have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs and if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board.

“Qualifying agencies are urged to apply,” stated Johnson.

Wabash County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Living Well in Wabash County COA; Helping Hands of Wabash County; F.I.S.H. (Friends In Service Here); Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Wabash County; Manchester Fellowship of Churches; Family Service Society, Inc.; Fellowship Food Pantry; Wabash Area Ministerial Association; Light House Mission and others.

“These agencies were responsible for providing meals and nights of lodging for numerous county residents in need,” stated Johnson.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Johnson at by mail at P.O. Box 2, or 73 Canal Street, Wabash, IN 46992, by email at steve.johnson@wcunitedfund.org or by phone 260-563-6726. The deadline for applications to be received is Friday, June 12.

For more information, visit <https://www.efsp.unitedway.org/efsp/website/index.cfm>.

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TESTS

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Another 175 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 277,815 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 271,919 on Tuesday.

Hoosiers who have symptoms of COVID-19 and those who have been exposed and need a test to return to work are encouraged to visit a

state-sponsored testing site for free testing. Individuals without symptoms who are at high risk because they are over age 65, have diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure or another underlying condition, as well as those who are pregnant, live with a high-risk individual or are a member of a minority population that is at greater risk for severe illness, also are encouraged to get tested.

To find testing locations, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link. More than 200 locations are available around the state.

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limited.

“Property entrance fees apply,” stated Rody. “This is a

free event made possible by the ‘Arts in the Park’ grant through the IAC, ISPM and DNR.”

Advance registration required, by calling 260-468-2127.

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picked up Friday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Accepted and featured entries can be picked up after the exhibit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. Artists may drop off their entries for receiving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, June 8 and Tuesday, June 9. All entries will be accepted at the Honeywell Center’s Circle Drive doors on the corner of Carroll and Market streets. Only one artist will be able to drop off their entries at a time. A staff member will greet each artist individually at the door to accept each entry. Artists are asked to have the artist application, money, and all entries labeled for a seamless drop-off. To make an early entry appointment, contact Michele Hughes at clarkgallery@honeywellcenter.org or by calling 260-274-1411. Entries not picked up by 2 p.m. will be securely housed in the Honeywell Center. To make an appointment to pick up unaccepted entries after Monday, June 15, contact Hughes or call 260-274-1411. The cost of entry per three pieces is \$20.

Drive In Summer Music Series begins June 10

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series begins Wednesday, June 10 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. The Moon Cats, a four-member band, play a variety of hits from the ‘50s and ‘60s including Elvis, The Beatles, Buddy Holly, Hank Williams, Jack Scott and more. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324Driveln.com/coming-soon/live.

2021 spring comedy director sought

The Wabash Area Community Theater is looking for the director for their 2021 spring comedy to be performed in March 2021. Anyone interested in directing should submit a portfolio with their directing experience. The portfolio should also include information stating the name of the play, the plot, the size of the cast, set and prop requirements, and other details about the show. Applications for the director and show are being accepted until Friday, June 12, and can be mailed to WACT, P.O. Box 840, Wabash, IN 46992. For more information, email Eric Seaman at ericcharlesseaman@gmail.com, Bev Vanderpool at vanderpob@yahoo.com or Howard Kaler at gm@charleycreekinn.com.

Weed Wrangle to be held at Mississinewa Lake

Meet Upper Wabash Invasives Network (UWIN) members and volunteers from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 13 at Mississinewa Lake’s Blue Heron Trailhead, E. County Road 500 South, Peru. For more information and for advance registration, call 260-468-2127.

Mural Fest application deadline extended

From Sept. 8 to 18, regional and national artists will create 11 high-quality murals – one in each of the 11 counties of northeast Indiana. The site chosen for the Wabash County mural was the Selleck Building, 214 E. Main St., North Manchester. Artists are encouraged to apply by Sunday, June 14. To apply or learn more, visit www.NEMuralfestival.com.

Teen Indiana Master Naturalist classes to be held at Salamonie

The sessions will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, June 15 to Friday, June 19 at Salamonie Nature and Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Participants must complete 80 percent of the

course sessions, complete 12 volunteer hours with local or state natural resources organization, complete a pre- and post-survey during the first and last course sessions, and pay registration fee required by the sponsor. Class size is limited to 14 participants. Space is reserved on a first-come-first-served basis. Space will be reserved only upon payment of the \$60 registration fee. Registration is due by Friday, June 5. Registration applications are available by visiting Salamonie Nature and Interpretive Center or by emailing Trody@dnr.in.gov. Call 260-468-2127 for more information or visit www.indianamasternaturalist.org.

Drive In Summer Music Series continues June 17

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, June 17 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. Soul Shot features Bobby Velasquez and John Kirkwood and many other seasoned musicians including Darrell Ellison, Ben Black, John Hancock and Wesley Kirkwood. Soul Shot plays classic rock and other genres including dance, oldies, disco, blues and more. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324Driveln.com/coming-soon/live.

Wabash County Museum announces re-opening plans

The Wabash County Museum plans to re-open the majority of its facility to the public Tuesday, June 23 with modified hours. The new hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 36 E. Market St. The education center located on the second floor of the museum will remain closed with a targeted opening date in early July.

Drive In Summer Music Series continues June 24

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, June 24 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. Mason Dixon Line Band is one of Fort Wayne’s best country bands. They have opened for sold-out concerts for Frank Foster, Colt Ford, Tyler Farr and Jerrod Niemann. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324Driveln.com/coming-soon/live.

Drive In Summer Music Series concludes July 1

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, July 1 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. The Mississinewa Valley Swing Band is a community band, located in Grant County. The Swing Band is a 16-member ensemble that plays swing-era music at different area events. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324Driveln.com/coming-soon/live.

Contestants sought for the 30th Annual Wabash County Festivals Scholarship Pageant

The pageant will be held Friday, July 24, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Bev Vanderpool, 73 W. Sheridan St, Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked “Scholarship Pageant.”

The Wabash County Festivals Pageant is a nonprofit, therefore all donations are tax-deductible. For more information, visit the Wabash County Festivals Pageant Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wabashcountyfestivalsscholarshippageant, or contact any of the directors.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day rescheduled for July 25

After being rescheduled for a second time, the Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day for Saturday, July 25. After a year at the Wabash Presbyterian Church, Pancake Day will return to the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue in Wabash. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing Kiwanian Donna Siders at donnasiders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support. The event’s Pancake Eating Contest, sponsored by Midwest Eye Consultants, will take place that day at noon. The Club’s president, Mike Keaffaber, is the event’s chairperson for 2020. Those who have questions or ideas regarding the event may email Keaffaber@keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us.

‘Liking for Biking’ riding series takes to the road for the fourth year

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a “free, family-friendly” 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park’s upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a “fun and engaging atmosphere.” Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

Woman’s Clubhouse hopes to pick up 2020-2021 schedule in August

Out of an abundance of caution, the Woman’s Clubhouse will not meet for its final luncheon of the 2019-2020 season in June. The group will send the 2020-2021 program and luncheon schedule in August for the new year and they will vote on officers for the new calendar year in September. Anyone who would like to nominate someone for an office should call Ellen Stouffer at 260-571-5339. The group needs a volunteer to take over the membership organization. For more information, call Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331.

Manchester University announces plan to open in fall 2020

In-person classes will begin Sept. 2. Like many schools, Manchester will move to remote teaching and learning after Thanksgiving. The semester will end Dec. 18.

Registration for annual Dam to Dam Century Ride and new triathlon now open

Visit Wabash County has announced registration for the Dam to Dam Century Ride and the DAM(N)MAN! triathlon is

now open. D!M! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Century Ride – Sunday, Sept. 13 – and will incorporate the newest and longest 150-mile bike route, plus a 3.1-mile swim and will end with a 31-mile run. The early bird registration fee for the bike ride is \$40 through May 31, however, attendees can use promo code D2DSAVE10 to save \$10 for a limited time. The price increases to \$50 beginning June 1. The registration fee for the triathlon is \$135, however, participants can use promo code DMSAVE40 to save \$40 for a limited time. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market season open Saturdays through Sept. 26

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and Wabash Elk’s Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. Guests can expect to see a Limited Market Model in response to COVID-19. Some of the precautions include one entrance to the market at the northeast corner, a limited number of shoppers, social distancing at least 6 feet, masks and gloves recommended and a sanitizer station provided. Masks and gloves are recommended to be worn by shoppers. There is construction on Cass Street. Alternate routes on Carroll and Market Streets are available. Vendors are still being accepted for the full season, half-season and one-time rates. For more information, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association begins play

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association has begun play. This year, most Tuesdays will be a scramble event. Newcomers are welcome and there is a \$10 membership fee to cover various expenses. Call the clubhouse at 260-563-8663 by 9 a.m. Monday before to register.

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Sunday, Nov. 15.

Second Harvest tailgates at Senior Center now scheduled Wednesdays

Second Harvest Food Bank will conduct a tailgate food distribution event at 11 a.m. each Wednesday at Living Well in Wabash County, 239 Bond St. Distribution is while supplies last. No IDs, proof of address or need are required. All are welcome, regardless of home county. Attendees should only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit curehunger.org/get-involved-donate.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedeal.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Ephesians 6:13

Trump moves to militarize a crisis, after pouring oil on the flames

Declaring he was "your president of law and order," President Trump on Monday said he was prepared to deploy U.S. troops to end the violence and vandalism that has accompanied a nationwide protest against police brutality. The president's remarks demonstrated anew that he has little understanding of why Americans have taken to the streets. They also reinforced the impression that he sees the current crisis as an opportunity for him to score political points in an election year with a new iteration of his 2016 claim that "I alone can fix it."

The violence and property destruction that have occurred in recent days – including in Los Angeles – is heartbreaking. A different president would have been able to credibly lament that lawlessness, and call for measures to deal with it, with no one suspecting ulterior motives.

Trump consistently has failed to recognize that Floyd's death was the latest example of a pattern of police violence against African American men that in turn is a manifestation of entrenched and pervasive racism.

Trump's obliviousness to that larger reality was shockingly evident in recent days. Last week he tweeted that "when the looting starts, the shooting starts" and said that the Secret Service was prepared to unleash "vicious dogs" on protesters at the White House. Both statements had ugly echoes of attempts to deprive African Americans of their

civil rights.

Trump's comments during this crisis also have been marked by a false machismo that will be all too familiar to those who remember his suggestion in the 2016 campaign that he would subject suspected terrorists to "a hell of a lot worse than waterboarding" and his advice to a police audience in 2017 that officers shouldn't be "too nice" when they put suspects into a patrol car.

In a conference call earlier on Monday, Trump lectured a group of governors that they needed to arrest and imprison protesters. According to the New York Times, Trump said: "You have to dominate. If you don't dominate, you're wasting your time – they're going to run over you, you're going to look like a bunch of jerks."

Most presidents would strive to keep blatant partisanship out of their handling of a national crisis. Not Trump. He has called Minneapolis' Democratic mayor "the very weak Radical Left Mayor, Jacob Frey." He told Democratic mayors and governors: "The World is watching and laughing at you and Sleepy Joe," a reference to former Vice President Joe Biden. Trump added: "Is this what America wants? NO!!!"

If there was any lingering doubt that Trump sees this crisis through a political lens, it was dispelled when Trump walked across Lafayette Park – cleared of peaceful demonstrators by police and National Guard units firing tear gas and rubber bullets – to the historic St. John's Church, the site of a

fire Sunday night. Trump held a Bible and posed for photos.

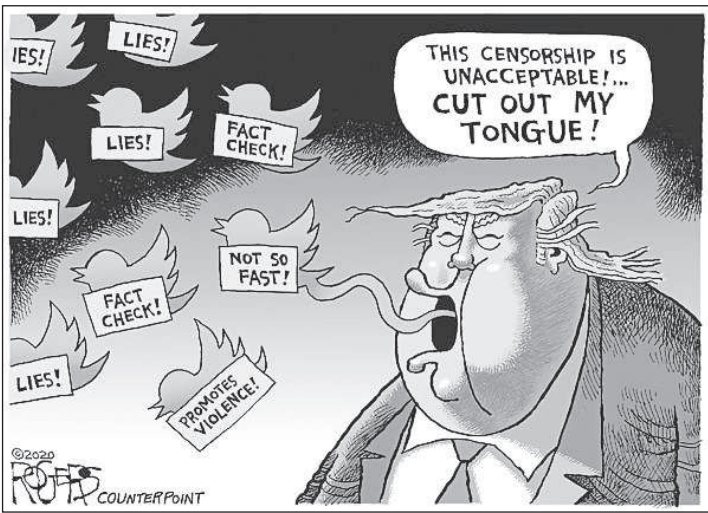
The task of reining in Trump falls to the Republicans who still hold some sway with him. But to put it mildly, GOP leaders haven't rushed to demand that Trump moderate his incendiary language. Those who have criticized the president's comments have engaged in irritating understatement.

Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, the only black Republican in the Senate, said that Trump's tweets were "not constructive." Asked about Trump's divisive online commentary last week, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) said: "I generally don't comment on the president's tweets." See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil.

It was made painfully clear even before Trump's impeachment that congressional Republicans, even those who privately held Trump in contempt, were reluctant to cross or criticize him under any circumstances. The only profile in courage was struck by Sen. Mitt Romney of Utah, the sole Republican to vote to convict Trump after the impeachment trial.

Still, McConnell and other Republican leaders, including those in state capitals, should be able to speak up forcefully when Trump's trash talk threatens not only civility but also public order. They need to be the voices of reason now, stopping Trump from loosing the military on U.S. citizens and turning a bad situation into a horrific one.

– This editorial was first published in the Los Angeles Times.



The world is watching as Trump's presidency unravels

This unraveling presidency began with the Crybaby-in-Chief banging his spoon on his highchair tray to protest a photograph – a photograph – showing that his inauguration

George Will



crowd the day before had been smaller than the one four years previous. Since then, this weak person's idea of a strong person, this chest-pounding advertisement of his own gnaw-

ing insecurities, this low-rent Lear raging on his Twitter-heath has proven that the phrase malignant buffoon is not an oxymoron.

Presidents, exploiting modern communications technologies and abetted today by journalists preening as the "resistance" – like members of the French Resistance 1940-1944, minus the bravery – can set the tone of American society, which is regrettably soft wax on which presidents leave their marks. The president's provocations – his coarsening of public discourse that lowers the threshold for acting out by people as mentally crippled as he – do not excuse the violent few. They must be punished. He must be removed.

Social causation is difficult to demonstrate, particularly between one person's words and other persons' deeds. However: The person voters hired in 2016 to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed" stood on July 28, 2017, in front of uniformed police and urged them "please don't be too nice" when handling suspected offenders. His hope was fulfilled for 8 minutes and 46 seconds on Minneapolis pavement.

What Daniel Patrick Moynihan termed "defining deviancy down" now defines American

politics. In 2016, voters were presented an unprecedentedly unpalatable choice: Never had both major parties offered nominees with higher disapproval than approval numbers. Voters chose what they wagered would be the lesser blight. Now, however, they have watched him govern for 40 months and more than 40 percent – slightly less than the percentage that voted for him – approve of his sordid conduct.

Presidents seeking reelection bask in chants of "Four more years!" This year, however, most Americans – perhaps because they are, as the president predicted, weary from all the winning – might flinch: Four more years of this? The taste of ashes, metaphorical and now literal, dampens enthusiasm.

The nation's downward spiral into acrimony and sporadic anarchy has had many causes much larger than the small man who is the great exacerbator of them. Most of the causes predate his presidency, and most will survive its January terminus. The measures necessary for restoration of national equilibrium are many and will be protracted far beyond his removal. One such measure must be the removal of those in Congress who, unlike the sycophantic mediocrities who cosset him in the White House, will not disappear "magically," as Eric Trump said the coronavirus would. Voters must dispatch his congressional enablers, especially the senators who still gambol around his ankles with a canine hunger for petting.

In life's unforgiving arithmetic, we are the sum of our choices. Congressional Republicans have made theirs for more than 1,200 days. We cannot know all the measures necessary to restore the nation's domestic health and international standing, but we know the first step: Senate

Republicans must be routed, as condign punishment for their Vichyite collaboration, leaving the Republican remnant to wonder: Was it sensible to sacrifice dignity, such as it ever was, and to shed principles, if convictions so easily jettisoned could be dignified as principles, for ... what? Praying people should pray, and all others should hope: May I never crave anything as much as these people crave membership in the world's most risible deliberative body.

A political party's primary function is to bestow its imprimatur on candidates, thereby proclaiming: This is who we are. In 2016, the Republican Party gave its principal nomination to a vulgarian and then toiled to elect him. And to stock Congress with invertebrates whose unswerving abjectness has enabled his institutional vandalism, who have voiced no serious objections to his Niagara of lies, and whom T.S. Eliot anticipated:

We are the hollow men ...
Our dried voices, when
We whisper together
Are quiet and meaningless
As wind in dry grass
or rats' feet over broken glass ...

Those who think our unhinged president's recent mania about a murder two decades ago that never happened represents his moral nadir have missed the lesson of his life: There is no such thing as rock bottom. So, assume that the worst is yet to come. Which implicates national security: Abroad, anti-Americanism sleeps lightly when it sleeps at all, and it is wide-awake as decent people judge our nation's health by the character of those to whom power is entrusted. Watching, too, are indecent people in Beijing and Moscow.

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If these racist killings continue, there will be hell to pay

This coast-to-coast uprising is not about terrorism, foreign or domestic. It's not about arson, looting or carpeting streets with broken glass. It's about a powerful phrase in the Declaration of Independence: "the consent of the governed." Police in this country no longer have our consent to kill African Americans

Eugene Robinson



on his neck, as Floyd pleaded "I can't breathe," passions have not diminished. If anything, crowds have become more ardent.

To me, this feels less and less like just another iteration of the set-piece drama we've lived through so many times – an unjust killing, a few days of protest, a chorus of promises of reform, a return to normal, an all-too-brief interlude until the next unjust killing. This eruption feels like a potential inflection point, a collective decision that "normal" is no longer acceptable.

That message is being delivered in every major American city. Whether it is being heard and understood remains to be seen.

It is no surprise that President Trump and his aides are deaf, dumb and blind. Trump was chased into his underground bunker Friday night when protesters briefly threatened to storm the White House fence. He salved his bruised ego with a tweet about how anyone who managed to enter the grounds would be met by "vicious dogs" and "ominous weapons." But on Sunday night, as some protesters set fires across the street in Lafayette Park and the city of Washington imposed a curfew, I saw something I don't think I've ever seen before: The White House went completely dark. It looked like a vacant home, an empty mansion, a luxury property perhaps in foreclosure.

In terms of the kind of presidential leadership that could help heal the nation, the "nobody's home" metaphor is depressingly perfect. Trump went into hiding to avoid the protesters. When Trump did call Philonise Floyd, George Floyd's brother, to offer his condolences, "He just kept, like, pushing me off, like 'I don't want to hear what you're talking about,'" Floyd said afterward. And the message certainly hadn't gotten through by the time Trump convened governors for a Monday conference in call in which he reportedly told them "Most of you are weak," and urged them to "dominate" the protesters with overwhelming force.

Trump isn't alone in his deafness. Presumably stating the view of the administration, Trump's national security adviser, Robert O'Brien, told CNN Sunday that he did not believe there was any "systemic racism" in U.S. police forces. Rather, he said, he thought there were a "few bad apples" who need to be rooted out.

And as for the violence and looting seen in some cities, the administration is focusing its fire instead on Antifa, a loosely organized leftist movement – and paying no attention to white-supremacist groups that reportedly also are taking advantage of the moment to provoke greater conflict, much less to actions by the police that have escalated confrontations in some cities.

That whole analysis – apples and Antifa – is wrong to the point of irrelevance. Look at the sheer number of protests. Look at the level of anger, and yes, the destruction of property. Look at the persistence of demonstrators who pour out of their homes night after night, putting themselves at risk not only of clashes with police but also contracting covid-19. Look at the protesters themselves – African Americans, whites, Latinos, Asians, a rainbow of outrage.

They are saying, quite clearly, that enough is enough. What happened to Floyd should never happen again. Consent is withdrawn.

Policymakers should realize that it's time to stop talking about police reform and actually change the racist army-of-occupation culture that poisons too many police departments. This will be hard to do – veteran officers who define that culture are hard to dislodge, powerful police unions often resist reform efforts, justice systems reflexively give police officers the benefit of the doubt even in the most egregious cases.

But the basic principle is simple: Policing is something that must be done with and for a community, not to a community. Those officers should have been made to understand that their duty was to treat Floyd like a citizen – not like some black guy whose life was worthless.

Governors, mayors and police chiefs around the country must hear and understand the message: If these racist killings continue, there will be hell to pay.

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HISTORY

Today is Thursday, June 4, the 156th day of 2020. There are 210 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On June 4, 1998, a federal judge sentenced Terry Nichols to life in prison for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

On this date:

In 1812, the Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory, to avoid confusion with the recently admitted state of Louisiana. The U.S. House of Representatives approved, 79-49, a declaration of war against Britain.

In 1919, Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing citizens the right to vote regardless of their gender, and sent it to the states for ratification.

In 1939, the German ocean liner MS St. Louis, carrying more than 900 Jewish refugees from Germany, was turned away from the Florida coast by U.S. officials.

Woman runs low on patience for friend’s drama-filled life

DEAR ABBY: My friend “Kate” has had a lot of trauma in her life, and she feels things very deeply. She has experienced assault, the suicide of a close friend, the death of several family members, discovered she can’t have children, and managed to escape an abusive relationship, all in the last five years or so.

Kate does all the things people are supposed to do when coping with grief and is doing very well. The problem is me. I find it hard to be around her because of all the drama. Intellectually, I understand none of this is Kate’s fault. She isn’t being attention-seeking or deliberately causing drama. But I find myself becoming impatient with her ongoing discussion of feelings. I’m not someone who feels deeply or is easily traumatized. Bad things happen, I get over it and move on. How can I learn to be the patient, caring friend she needs? – Trying To Be A Better Friend

DEAR TRYING: Quit being so hard on yourself. You are and have been a good friend. It’s important that you not allow Kate’s burdens to “sink” you. The two of you are very different people, and you should explain that to her as you have to me. If her trauma and drama become more than you can healthfully absorb, step back and tell her you will talk with her later, tomorrow or when it is convenient for you both, which will allow you time to come up for air.

DEAR ABBY: I am self-quarantined for a number of reasons because of the virus. I am 87 and live alone. My daughter is very concerned that I not become ill because her husband is in treatment for cancer. Obviously, she doesn’t want to have to come care for me and endanger her husband’s already reduced immunity.

A friend called to ask how I am doing. I told her I was self-quarantined, and she asked if I needed anything. I told her I didn’t have eggs, but it was no big deal. She said she would bring me some. I sent her a text and asked her to leave them on the porch, and she said, “You mean you won’t let me in the house?” She said she isn’t sick and can’t understand why I’m doing this. I tried to explain that you can be contagious without symptoms, but she was still insulted.

I thought everyone in the world knew the basics of quarantine, but apparently she’s still taking it personally. She hasn’t called for three days, and I’m heartsick. Advice? – Shut In Arizona

DEAR SHUT IN: In spite of the fact that the federal, state and local governments are releasing information on a daily basis about the importance of social distancing and self-quarantining, there is still confusion in the minds of some of the public. Your friend is a perfect example of this. You are doing what you’re doing for the right reason, and I hope you will continue, not only for your son-in-law’s sake, but also for your own.

DEAR ABBY: I’ve been married five years, and I just discovered that my husband still has several text messages from his late wife. He thinks I shouldn’t be upset about it. Am I wrong for asking him to delete them? – Feeling Betrayed In The South

DEAR FEELING BETRAYED: Yes, you are! Do not compete with a deceased spouse. Hanging on to mementoes is a way many people grieve. If the texts hold significance for him, let him have them. You’re his wife now, and that’s what matters.

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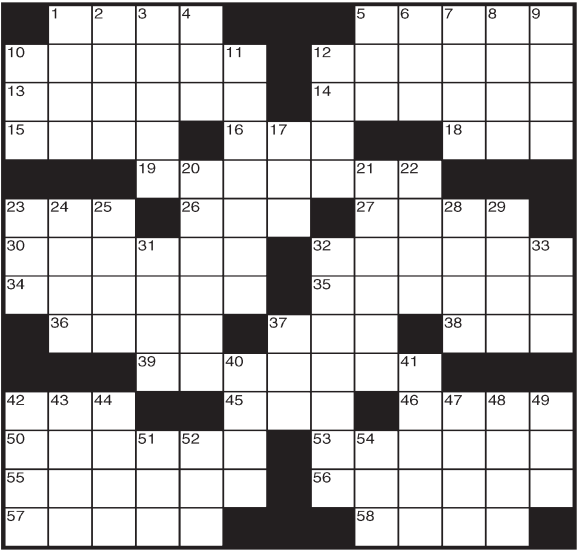
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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GILAOE
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Yesterday’s Jumbles: TRACT BRAVO TENANT BOOKIE
Answer: Business at the casino was on the rise and getting — “BETTOR” AND “BETTOR”

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



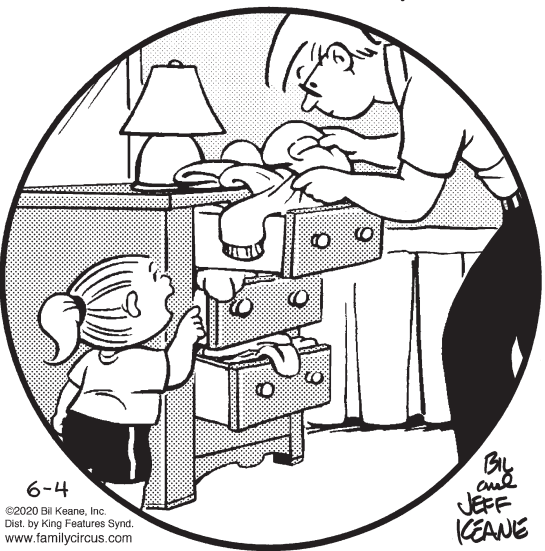
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



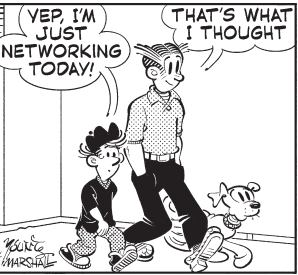
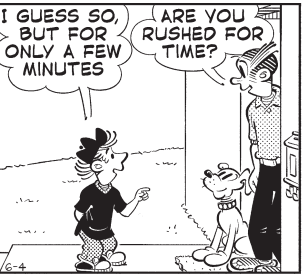
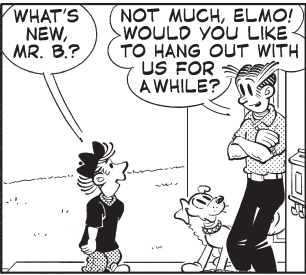
“If your phone was attached to a cord, you wouldn’t have to worry about losing it.”

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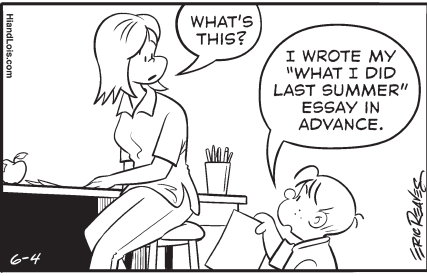
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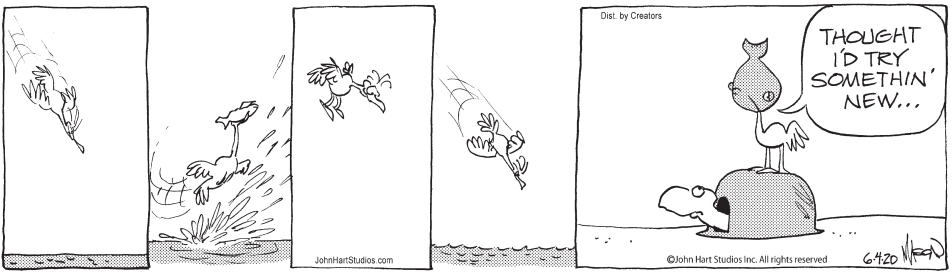
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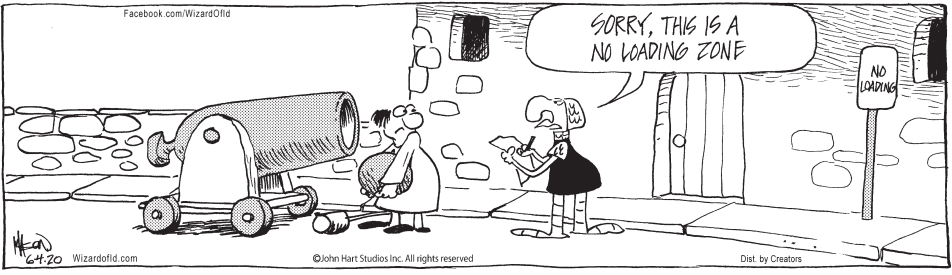
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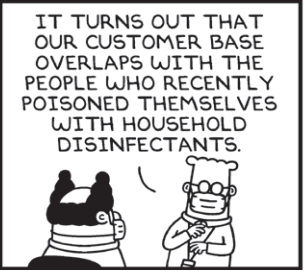
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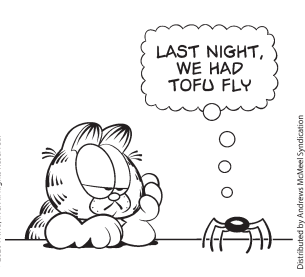
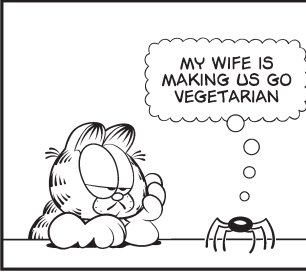
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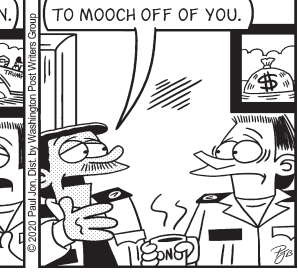
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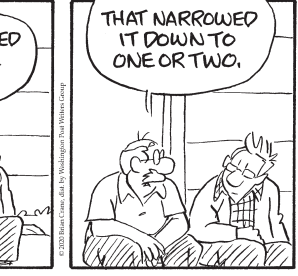
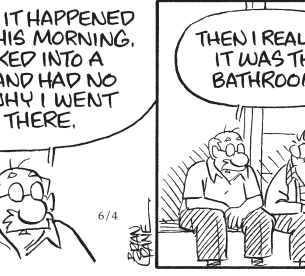
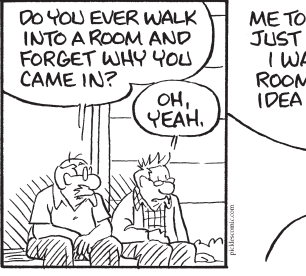
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FORT KNOX



PICKLES



We mustn’t let sin weigh us down with weariness

Q: I get weary of my family telling me that Hell is a literal place. Why should I believe their wild imaginations and misinterpretations of passages in the Bible? How can we know what Hell really is? – I.M.

A: Mankind can only know the reality of Hell by reading the truth of Scripture. Hell is a lake of fire (Revelation 20:15). It’s a place of sorrow (Psalm 18:5). It’s a place of wailing (Matthew 13:42). It’s a place of outer darkness (Matthew 8:12). It’s a place where people scream for mercy (Luke 16:24) and a place of everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:46).

That is God’s description – not man’s. And God declares that all people outside of Jesus Christ are headed to that terrible place unless they repent of their sins and turn by faith to

Jesus Christ. The same Bible that teaches the wrath, anger and judgment of Almighty God also teaches His love and mercy. Scores of Scripture passages emphasize this truth.

For those who have confessed their sin and turned to the Lord He says: “The Lord your God is a merciful God, He will not forsake you nor destroy you” (Deuteronomy 4:31). For those who have not humbled themselves, this is the day of decision. Outside of Christ we are all wicked and steeped in sinful disobedience to God.

“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon” (Isaiah 55:7).

What a merciful promise coming down from Heaven to the human race. We mustn’t let sin weigh us down with weariness. Hell will be filled with eternal sinfulness that will never be satisfied. Turn to the Lord while there is still time and know the richness of His forgiveness.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ V G Z P V X F C P Y V O F N Y W X F C V X P E S A
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X M P E P N F Z P X W S P V X W X M P Z N . ”
— V A O Z V O E

Previous Solution: “I wouldn’t even think about taking drugs. I think it’s ridiculous! People are throwing their lives away.” — Elijah Wood

TODAY’S CLUE: a sjenbe S

Prosecutors charge 3 more officers in George Floyd's death

By **AMY FORLITI**
and **TIM SULLIVAN**
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Prosecutors on Wednesday filed a tougher charge against the police officer at the center of the George Floyd case and charged three other officers, delivering a victory to protesters galvanized by a death that roused racial tensions and unleashed coast-to-coast unrest.

The most serious charge was filed against Derek Chauvin, who was caught on video pressing his knee to Floyd's neck and now must defend himself against an accusation of second-degree murder. The three other officers at the scene — Thomas Lane, J. Kueng and Tou Thao — were charged for the first time with aiding and abetting second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. All four were fired last week.

The new charges were sought by Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, who called the protests unleashed by the death “dramatic and necessary” and said Floyd “should be here and he is not.”

“His life had value, and we will seek justice,” said Ellison, who cautioned that winning convictions would be hard and said that public pressure had no bearing on his decisions.

Hundreds of protesters were in New York City's Washington Square Park when the charges were announced.

“It's not enough,” protester Jonathan Roldan said, insisting all four officers should have been charged from the

start. “Right now, we're still marching because it's not enough that they got arrested. There needs to be systematic change.”

Benjamin Crump, an attorney for Floyd's family, called it “a bittersweet moment” and “a significant step forward on the road to justice.” Crump said Elison had told the family he would continue his investigation into Floyd's death and upgrade the charge to first-degree murder if warranted.

Chauvin was initially charged with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

The move powerfully punctuated an unprecedented week in modern American history, in which largely peaceful protests took place in communities of all sizes but were rocked by bouts of violence, including deadly attacks on officers, rampant thefts and arson in some places.

Some of the rockiness of the days since Floyd's May 25 death dissipated on Tuesday night, with demonstrations continuing around the country, but without major reports of violence.

Curfews and efforts by protesters to contain earlier flare-ups of lawlessness were credited with preventing more widespread damage to businesses in New York and other cities overnight.

“Last night we took a step forward in moving out of this difficult period we've had the last few days and moving to a better time,” New York Mayor Bill de Blasio said.

New York police said about 280 people were arrested on

protest-related charges Tuesday night, compared with 700 a day earlier. Nationwide, more than 9,000 have been arrested in connection with unrest.

At least 12 deaths have been reported, though the circumstances in many cases are still being sorted out.

Some tense incidents continued Tuesday night, but were far less prevalent than in preceding days. Police and National Guard troops used tear gas, flash-bang grenades, nonlethal rounds and other means of dispersing crowds near a police precinct in Seattle, near Centennial Park in Atlanta and at demonstrations in Tampa and St. Petersburg, Florida.

Minnesota has opened a civil rights investigation into whether the Minneapolis Police Department has a pattern of discrimination against minorities.

Elsewhere, Pope Francis called for national reconciliation and peace, saying he has “witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest” in the U.S.

“My friends, we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life,” he said Wednesday.

President Donald Trump has pushed the nation's governors to take a hard line against the violence, saying Tuesday that “lowlifes and losers” were taking over New York's streets.

He again tweeted Wednesday: “LAW & ORDER!”

Thousands of protesters again took to the streets again

in the nation's capital, singing “Amazing Grace” as they knelt. “We are not going anywhere!” they chanted.

Law enforcement officers in riot gear watched the crowd. Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser imposed an 11 p.m. curfew after Tuesday's peaceful protests. The Tuesday curfew had been 7 p.m.

More than 20,000 National Guard members have been called up in 29 states to deal with the violence.

In Philadelphia, a statue of former Mayor Frank Rizzo was removed by the city early Wednesday after repeatedly being targeted by vandals. Rizzo presided over a police force widely accused of racism and brutality in the 1970s.

In Virginia, Gov. Ralph Northam was expected to announce plans Thursday for the removal of an iconic statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee from Richmond's prominent Monument Avenue, a senior administration official told The Associated Press. The statue has been the target of vandalism during the protests.

Some protesters framed the burgeoning movement as a necessity after a long list of killings by police.

“It feels like it's just been an endless cascade of hashtags of black people dying, and it feels like nothing's really being done by our political leaders to actually enact real change,” said Christine Ohenuzuwa, 19, who attended a peaceful protest at the Minnesota Capitol in St. Paul.

“There's always going to be a breaking point. I think right now, we're seeing the breaking point around the country.”

Esper says no military for protests amid troop confusion

By **ZEKE MILLER**
and **ROBERT BURNS**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Mark Esper declared on Wednesday he opposes using military troops for law enforcement in containing current street protests, tamping down threats from President Donald Trump, who had warned states he was willing to send soldiers to “dominate” their streets.

Less than 48 hours after the president threatened to use the Insurrection Act to contain protests if governors were not able to get a handle on unrest, Esper said the 1807 law should be invoked in the United States “only in the most urgent and dire of situations.” He added, “We are not in one of those situations now.”

Yet Esper abruptly overturned an earlier Pentagon decision to send a couple hundred active-duty soldiers home from the Washington, D.C., region, amid growing tensions with the White House over the military response to the protests.

At Trump's encouragement, Esper had ordered about 1,300 Army personnel to military bases just outside the nation's capital. Defense officials said some of the troops were beginning to return to their home base Wednesday, but after Esper visited the White House following a press conference, plans changed, Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy told The Associated Press.

The reversal added to con-

fusion over the president's threat to invoke the Insurrection Act for protests following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. White House officials had indicated even before Esper's comments that Trump was backing away from invoking the act, though officials said Trump was upset that Esper's statement conveyed “weakness.”

Press secretary Kayleigh McEnany said the president was still willing to deploy federal troops despite Esper's comments.

“If needed, he will use it,” she told reporters. “But at this time he's relying on surging the streets with National Guard. It's worked with great effect.”

At the same time, the president was taking credit for the deployment of federal and other law enforcement officers to the nation's capital, saying it offered a model to states on how to stop violence accompanying some protests nationwide.

Trump argued that the massive show of force was responsible for protests in Washington and other cities turning more calm in recent days and repeated his criticism of governors who have not deployed their National Guard to the fullest.

“You have to have a dominant force,” Trump told Fox News radio on Wednesday. “We need law and order.”

Underscoring his criticism, McEnany said, “The weak-kneed policies of New York stand in stark contrast to the law and order policies of this president.”

She didn't dismiss reports of tension between Trump and Esper. Asked repeatedly if Trump still had confidence in his Pentagon chief, she said, “As of right now, Secretary Esper is still Secretary Esper, and should the president lose faith we will all learn about that in the future.”

Esper, in his Pentagon remarks, also strongly criticized the actions of the Minneapolis police for the incident last week that ignited the protests. Floyd, a black man being arrested, died after a white officer pressed his knee to Floyd's neck for several minutes. Esper called the act “murder” and “a horrible crime.”

The defense secretary himself has come under fire from critics, including retired senior military officers, for having walked from the White House on Monday evening with Trump and others for a presidential photo opportunity in front of St. John's Episcopal Church, which had previously sustained damage from protesters.

Esper said that while he was aware they were heading to St. John's, he did not know what would happen there.

“I was not aware a photo op was happening,” he said, adding that he also did not know that police had forcibly moved peaceful protesters in Lafayette Square to clear the way for Trump and his entourage.

The White House laid responsibility for Monday's events in Lafayette Park on Attorney General William

Barr, saying he gave the order for law enforcement to clear out the protest before Trump's walk to the church ahead of Washington's 7 p.m. curfew. McEnany said the decision was made earlier Monday but had not been executed by the time Barr arrived in the park to survey the scene. He gave the order at that time.

McEnany said law enforcement conducted the operation with appropriate force, which included pepper spray and other chemical agents, and officers on horseback and batons clearing a crowd made up almost entirely of peaceful protesters.

Trump put a political spin on his criticism of states that have seen violence. He said, “You notice that all of these places that have problems, they're not run by Republicans. They're run by liberal Democrats.”

The Defense Department has drafted contingency plans for deploying active-duty military if needed. Pentagon documents reviewed by The Associated Press show plans for soldiers from an Army division to protect the White House and other federal buildings if the security situation in the nation's capital were to deteriorate and the National Guard could not secure the facilities.

Though the crackdown on the Washington demonstrations was praised by some Trump supporters Tuesday, a handful of Republicans expressed concern that law enforcement officers risked violating the protesters' First Amendment rights.

his neck for several minutes even after the handcuffed black man stopped moving and pleading for air.

In Howard County, a woman who was a local jail officer was charged with criminal recklessness and leaving the scene of an accident. Christa Redman is accused of driving into a group of protesters Saturday, injuring two. She quit her job the next day.

Redman told police that protesters were “yelling and screaming at her and her children in the truck,” the Kokomo Tribune reported. She said she was in fear when she drove away.

Parents, educators, experts talk to kids on race amid unrest

By **LEANNE ITALIE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As an African American parent, Cassandra Dunbar in Charlotte, North Carolina, always knew she and her husband would have “the talk” with their son, the one preparing him for interactions with law enforcement.

But she never dreamed it would be necessary at 5 years old.

“I thought the cops were supposed to help us? Are they only helpful to white people?” he asked after taking in TV coverage of protests and overhearing his parents discuss the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor.

Dunbar explained to her eldest child: “Some people have a hard time understanding that skin color doesn't have anything to do with what kind of person you are. I said that, yes, cops are meant to help us all, but some cops aren't good cops and the bad ones really aren't helpful to people who look like us.”

Many parents of all races are struggling with similar conversations after a week of outrage and sadness that spilled into streets worldwide after video of Floyd's death emerged. It came after months of family togetherness in coronavirus lockdown, a time when kids have been cut off from schools and peers.

Floyd, a handcuffed black man, died after a Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into his neck as he pleaded for air.

To help her kids going forward, Dunbar has been reaching out for guidance from child therapists, early childhood educators and seasoned parents.

How conversations with kids about race and racism play out can be intensely personal for parents. Many white parents in particular believe children are too young for such discussions at age 10 or 11, said Andrew Grant-Thomas, co-founder of Embrace Race, a nonprofit that provides resources for parents and educators.

“They think that kids are too naive and fragile and will crumple the moment you even mention the word,” he said. “By not engaging kids explicitly, essentially you're leaving them to flounder in this tidal wave of communication about race that they are receiving from a very early age, but without you there to deliberately mediate how they make sense of what they get.”

Howard Stevenson, a clinical psychologist in the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania, works with educators and families to understand the trauma and stress of race-based hate. Insights that he offered online in 2016 have been shared by school districts around the country in the past week with parents.

“Both verbal and non-verbal approaches influence what children not only know about race but whether they should speak to it or how they should manage the stress of it,” Stevenson told The Associated Press. “Children watch what their parents don't do during racial moments as much as what they actually purposely teach.”

He said research shows that the more parents talk to children about race, the more those children “tend to be less overwhelmed by the politics.”

For African American mom Sonya Horton in Brooklyn, New York, that means putting it all on the line for her 11-year-old daughter, Samirah, a budding DJ and anti-bullying activist who attends a predominantly white private school.

The sixth-grader belongs to a school club for black and brown students where they feel free to discuss slights from classmates over things like how they wear their hair, certain foods they particularly like and family traditions.

Of her white classmates, Samirah said: “I feel like they know what racism is but not to the full extent of the

meaning of it. I feel like they might think making an inappropriate joke could be racist, but racist could be imitating someone or saying a comment that's not particularly nice.”

Horton, whose husband is a retired police officer, said they have never “sugar-coated things” for their child.

“I never feel that she's too young to know or to understand,” Horton said. “We live in a world where it's out there, and if you're not open and you're not talking about it then they may come away with misinformation and miseducation.”

For parents, the first step is checking their own feelings, Stevenson and other experts said. A good second step is listening to the experiences of parents and children of color without judgment, and accept that racism does exist.

Val Whiting, who is African American and lives in suburban Seattle, said her 19-year-old son, the eldest of two teen boys, has had plenty of practice handling racism in their predominantly white neighborhood, from racial slurs on the soccer field to a car full of young people shouting the “N-word” before speeding off.

“I wanted to pull out a bazooka and blow up that car full of cowards,” she said. “But we've taught him how to make connections and nurture relationships with other people of color, so he immediately contacted a Facebook group he belongs to in order to share what happened, and get support and guidance. I'm OK with that.”

In Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Traci Sumter wouldn't allow her black 15-year-old son to participate in protests.

“I've read threats and horrible comments online by neighbors, teachers and people I had considered friends,” she said. “I cried when I saw the George Floyd video. I cried again when I watched my son watch it. The look of disappointment on his face let me know that he felt the world had failed him. Again.”

Ibram X. Kendi is a National Book Award winner, activist, history professor and founding director of the Antiracist Research and Policy Center at American University.

He's also dad to 4-year-old Imani.

When his daughter was born, Kendi found few books on race and racism for the very young. He wrote his own, a board book in rhyme out this month from the Penguin Young Readers imprint Kokila Books.

Titled “Antiracist Baby,” it's one of a surge of titles on racism making their way up the Amazon bestseller list.

“The data points to the fact that children as young as 5 or 6 months begin recognizing race, and children as young as 2 to 3 years old start recognizing or even believing in racist ideas,” Kendi said. “Typically parents don't even know how to begin to have these conversations with these very, very young people, let alone recognizing the importance of having these conversations.”

Through illustrations by Ashley Lukashevsky, Kendi shows that the first step toward making racial equity a reality is opening your eyes to all skin colors.

“Antiracist Baby learns all the colors, not because race is true,” he writes. “If you claim to be color-blind, you deny what's right in front of you.”

At Manhattan's Little Red School House and Elisabeth Irwin High School, Alisa Soriano is an assistant principal who filled in this week as a first-grade teacher. At the school's regular classroom morning meetings, the recent protests and deaths were discussed via Zoom.

The progressive school is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion work year-round, so even the youngest children weren't taken aback, Soriano said.

“When you speak to young children with passion and with respect, and with information that is valid to their lives, they listen,” she said.

Food



Provided photo

Apples are a good source of fiber and vitamin C.

Apple nachos

By **SHEENA PATEL SWANNER**
MS, RDN, LD

You can whip up apple nachos for a healthy snack for adults and kids alike. Fresh apple slices are the base of this “nacho” recipe. Apples are a good source of fiber and vitamin C, and with this recipe you can choose any type of apple variety: Honey Crisp, Gala or Granny Smith. The apples are topped with a sweet yogurt sauce and finished with whole grain granola, nuts and seeds for a nice crunch. The best part of these fruit nachos is you can get creative and use different healthy toppings you have around the house.

- Ingredients**
1 medium apple, sliced
1/2 cup plain reduced-fat Greek yogurt
1 tsp. honey
1 Tbsp. almond butter
3 Tbsp. water

- 1 Tbsp. salted pumpkin seeds
1 tsp. chia seeds
1 Tbsp. granola chunks
1/8 tsp. cinnamon
Makes 2 servings. Per serving: 200 calories, 9 g total fat (2 g saturated fat, 0 g trans fat), 5 mg cholesterol, 24 g carbohydrates, 10 g protein, 4 g dietary fiber, 55 mg sodium, 16 g sugar, 4 g added sugar.
Directions
Slice apple into thin slices (about 25 slices) and arrange on a plate.
Mix yogurt, honey, almond butter and water together and drizzle over apples. If yogurt dip is too thick to drizzle, add more water to thin out.
Sprinkle pumpkin seeds, chia seeds and granola chunks on top of yogurt layer.
To finish, sprinkle cinnamon over entire dish and serve immediately.

Pilgrim’s Pride CEO among indicted for chicken price fixing

By **DEE-ANN DURBIN** and **COLLEEN SLEVIN**
Associated Press Writers

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. — The CEO of Pilgrim’s Pride is one of four current and former chicken company executives indicted Wednesday on charges of price-fixing.

The U.S. Department of Justice said a federal grand jury in Colorado found that executives from Greeley, Colorado-based Pilgrim’s Pride and Claxton, Georgia-based Claxton Poultry Farms conspired to fix prices and rig bids for broiler chickens from at least 2012 to 2017.

Pilgrim’s Pride President and CEO Jayson Penn was charged, along with former Pilgrim’s Pride Vice President Roger Austin. Claxton Poultry President Mikell Fries and Vice President Scott Brady also were charged.

All four men are scheduled to appear before a magistrate judge in Denver federal court Thursday afternoon, according to court documents. The Associated Press left phone and email messages seeking comment with Pilgrim’s Pride and an attorney for Claxton Poultry.

The charges come amid questions about the high price of meat during the coronavirus pandemic.

Last month, attorneys general for 11 Midwestern states urged the Justice Department to investigate potential price fixing by meatpackers. And in an April tweet, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue confirmed that the Department of Agriculture was investigating why ranchers are getting low prices for cattle while U.S. consumers are paying record prices for beef.

Wednesday’s charges were the first in a long-running investigation into price-fixing in the chicken industry. Broiler chickens are chickens raised for human consumption and sold to grocery stores and restaurants.

According to prosecutors, the men communicated about their prices and negotiated to fix, stabilize and raise prices. The indictment cites a number of alleged phone calls and text exchanges between them.

In one text exchange, Brady allegedly told Fries on Nov. 13, 2012, that he had talked to Austin and found out that Pilgrim’s Pride was 3 cents higher on an eight-piece bone-in broiler chicken. Brady said Austin wanted Claxton to raise its prices.

“Tell him we are trying!” Brady responded, according to the indictment.

In November 2014, Penn allegedly sent a series of emails about a competitor who was selling its chickens for less and asked to buy birds from Pilgrim’s to cover a shortfall in a grocery contract. Penn allegedly said the company should have to pay for not being able to provide the promised number of chickens.

“It costs money for them to fill orders for which they don’t have the chickens. They have been adding market share and still trying to do — selling cheap chicken and being short. Doesn’t make sense. We are enabling the town drunk by giving him beer for Thanksgiving instead of walking him into an AA meeting,” Penn wrote, according to the indictment.

Pilgrim’s Pride is a division of JBS USA, the U.S. subsidiary of Brazilian meat production giant JBS SA. Pilgrim’s Pride has more than 54,000 employees and 36 production facilities in the U.S. and abroad. The company says it processes one of every five chickens in the U.S. Claxton Poultry has 2,000 employees and supplies 300 million pounds of chicken per year to customers include Chick-fil-A.

A veggie-full summer chowder

By **LYNDA BALSLEV**

Yes, you can eat warm soup in the summer — especially when it’s chowder. Clam and fish chowders evoke sunshine, seafood and the seashore. While clam chowder is always a favorite, I prefer to make fish chowders, loaded with chunky fish swimming in a smoky, creamy broth.

When making a fish chowder, always choose a firm-fleshed fish, which will hold its shape when cooking in the soup. Delicate, flat filets will flake and dissolve in the broth. While halibut, sea bass and cod are always good options, I prefer salmon. Salmon’s buttery-rich flesh complements the creamy stock, and when possible, I’ll combine chunks of warm-smoked salmon with fresh salmon. Warm-smoked salmon adds the salty, smoky note essential to a deeply flavorful chowder (this is often achieved with bacon in clam chowders), and has a dry and firm consistency, unlike cold-smoked salmon, which is soft and slippery.

Potatoes are another key ingredient, adding thickening starch and substance. And while you can certainly stop there, I encourage adding additional vegetables, such as leafy greens and crucifers, such as cauliflower or broccoli. Then you can pat yourself on the back and call your bowl of chowder a complete meal.

In this recipe, handfuls of fresh spinach and cauliflower florets are included. If you’re skeptical about the extra veggies, don’t worry — the creamy, robust chowder can handle them. In fact, the vegetables add a welcome earthiness to the rich soup and balance the creaminess. If you are cauliflower-averse, feel free to omit it and add more spinach.

Be sure to taste for seasoning when the soup is finished. Depending on the saltiness of the smoked salmon, you may need more salt, and don’t (ever) skimp on the freshly ground black pepper.



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Salmon and Spinach Chowder

- Active Time:** 35 minutes
Total Time: 35 minutes
Yield: Serves 4
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1 medium yellow onion, chopped, about 1 cup
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
4 cups water
2 medium Yukon gold potatoes, cut into bite-sized pieces (peeling optional — I like keeping the skin on)
1 1/2 cups bite-sized cauliflower florets
1 cup heavy cream
1/2 teaspoon Tabasco, or more to taste
1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika

- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or more to taste
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 pound salmon filet, skin and pin-bones removed, cut in 3/4-inch chunks
1/2 pound warm-smoked salmon filet, skin and pin-bones removed, broken into bite-size chunks
1 large handful baby spinach leaves
Fresh dill for garnish
Heat the oil and melt the butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion and saute until softened without coloring, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the flour and cook until slightly toasty in aroma, 1 to 2 minutes, stirring constantly.

Pour in the water and whisk to blend. Add the potatoes and cauliflower. The vegetables should be submerged in the soup. If not, add more water to cover. Bring to a boil, partially cover the pot, and simmer until the vegetables are tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Stir in the cream, Tabasco, paprika, salt and black pepper.

Add the fresh and smoked salmon and simmer until the fresh salmon is cooked, 4 to 6 minutes. Stir in the spinach and simmer until just wilted, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Taste for seasoning.

Ladle into soup bowls and garnish with dill. Serve immediately.

U.S. food prices see historic jump, likely to stay high

By **DAVID PITT**
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — As if trips to the grocery store weren’t nerve-wracking enough, U.S. shoppers lately have seen the costs of meat, eggs and even potatoes soar as the coronavirus has disrupted processing plants and distribution networks.

Overall, the cost of food bought to eat at home skyrocketed by the most in 46 years, and analysts caution that meat prices in particular could remain high as slaughterhouses struggle to maintain production levels while implementing procedures intended to keep workers healthy.

While price spikes for staples such as eggs and flour have eased as consumer demand has leveled off, prices remain volatile for carrots, potatoes and other produce because of transportation issues and the health of workers who pick crops and work in processing plants.

In short, supermarket customers and restaurant owners shouldn’t expect prices to drop anytime soon.

“Our biggest concern is long-term food costs. I believe they will continue to go up,” said Julie Kalambokidis, co-owner of Adriano’s Brick Oven, a restaurant in Glenwood, Iowa.

Tamra Kennedy, who owns nine Mexican-inspired fast food franchises in Iowa and Minnesota, joined Kalambokidis on a call set up by Iowa U.S. Rep. Cindy Axne and said sometimes even getting essential ingredients is difficult.

“You can pick an ingredient and I can tell you there are shortages,” she said.

Big fluctuations in food prices began in March, when

the coronavirus pandemic began to sink in for U.S. consumers.

The Labor Department reports that the 2.6 percent jump in April food prices was the largest monthly increase in 46 years. Prices for meats, poultry, fish and eggs increased the most, rising 4.3 percent. Although the 2.9 percent jump in cereals and bakery products wasn’t as steep, it was still the largest increase the agency has recorded.

Dairy and related products, and fruits and vegetables increased by 1.5 percent in April.

Egg prices also reached an all-time record of more than \$3 a dozen in late March, but they have since fallen to less than \$1 a dozen.

The situation has been worse for meat prices, largely because of illnesses among slaughterhouse workers. The outbreaks struck pork processing plants the hardest, but beef and chicken processors also saw some impact as thousands of workers tested positive for the virus and the United Food and Commercial Workers union said at least 44 workers had died of COVID-19 as of Friday.

April retail prices for boneless pork chops and ham were nearly 6 percent higher than in March and retail prices for hamburger and sirloin steak were about 4 percent higher, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported. The price of whole fresh chickens rose by more than 12 percent.

After numerous closures, most pork plants have reopened but often not at full capacity, forcing pig farmers to euthanize animals that couldn’t be processed.

“There are biological constraints to this and that’s

why I would anticipate prices to stay high at least for some period of time,” said Trey Malone, an agriculture economist and professor at Michigan State University.

“If you’re going to euthanize thousands of animals and it takes six months to raise a new one, obviously there’s going to be some type of delay or buffer in the supply chain.”

By mid-May, beef and pork slaughterhouses were operating at about 60 percent capacity, though that figure has since climbed to nearly 90 percent, said Jayson Lusk, an economist at Purdue University. Although Lusk was optimistic that the worst of the meat supply crunch is over, he said it’s always possible that a second wave of illness could cause the situation to worsen.

Some grocery price jumps were because of people stocking up when the coronavirus first arrived. But even as some prices have dropped, the cost of produce such as potatoes, onions and carrots has remained above last year’s prices.

Much of the increase appears to be because more people are cooking at home.

For garlic, most of which is imported from China, a 278 percent price increase from a year ago is largely due to a sluggish supply chain in China.

Jeff Dunn, CEO of Bolt-house Farms, a major provider of carrots and distributor of salad dressings and fruit and vegetable-based beverages, said he doesn’t anticipate new supply problems. But he noted that some of his company’s workers in distribution and field work have become sick, and that there is an additional cost to implement and maintain procedures intended to keep workers safe.

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